continuous roadway, uninterrupted, in its proper location, and I street and streets adjacent thereto would once more rise to the dignity and value that their location demands."

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

· Christmas Observed in all the Churches in

the Ancient Town.

Various Minor Happenings During

the Holiday Season in the Trans-

Potomac City.

The Christmas congregations in the vari-

ous Catholic churches this morning were

larger than usual, and the music, a pro

gram of which has been published in The

Star, was especially pretty and well rendered. At St. Paul's Rev. P. P. Phillips

preached; at Christ Church, Rev. Berry-

man Green, and at Grace Church, Rev. C.

E. Ball. There was a celebration of the

Holy Eucharist at Grace Church at 6:30,

Rev. C. E. Ball, celebant. At St. Mary's

Roman Catholie Church mass was said at

6:30 a.m. and again at 9:30, Rev. Father

Ennis of Georgetown, celebrant; Rev.

Father Bowen, deacon, and Rev. Father

McCarthy, subdeacon. Sunday morning

the Xmas music will be repeated at Christ,

Grace and St. Paul's churches, and the fol-

lowing program will be rendered in the Baptist and Methodist Episcopal Church

Baptist Church.

Voluntary, Sing, O, Heaven, Danks; offer-

tory, Bending O'er a Cradle Low, solo, Ed-

ardo Marzo; voluntary, Arise! Shine! Mur-

av. Evening-Voluntary, Break Forth In-

to Joy, Danks; offertory, O, Holy Night,

solo, Adolph Adams; voluntary, And There

Were Shepherds, Danks; sopranos, Mrs. H. K. Field, Mrs. Thos. Ballenger, Misses Ef-fie and Annie Tyler, Lucy Graves, Mamie Williamson, Katie Leef and Cora Thomp-

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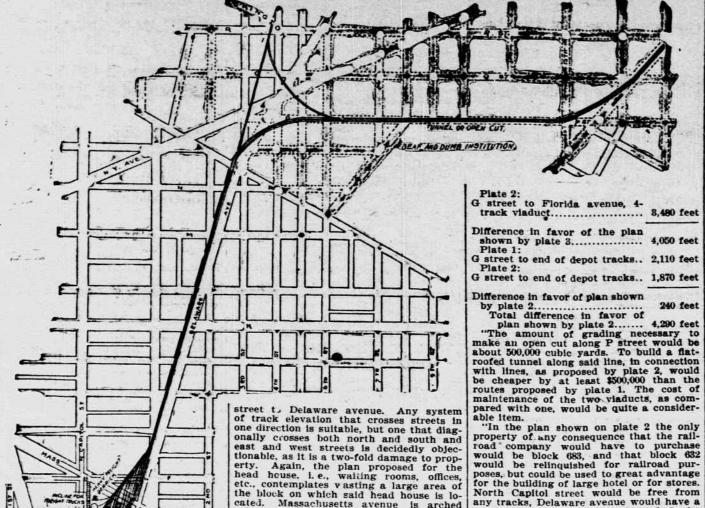
An Heiress Discovers the Expensive-

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

It is all very well for an heiress to wed a title, but it is sometimes better for her to inquire into the gentleman's character beforehand, if a couple of stories from Paris are true. A rich English girl who

The bride went to the shop and indignantly remonstrated at being cheated. The dealer interrupted her to ask if the chandelier had not been sold to her husband. It had been.

"You gave him \$20,000 to pay for it, did ou not?" asked the dealer. "We offered it you not?" asked the dealer. "We offered it to him for \$11,000, and he beat us down to senger and freight sheds. These are shown to be placed over North Capitol street, and



THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' PLAN.

RAILROAD SITUATION

The Plates Included in the Commissioners' Report.

Engineer Pelz Discusses the One

Viaduct Plan.

DIFFERENCE IN COST

The citizens and property owners along this plan, Engineer Pelz says: "This prethe line of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in this city are watching with anxious eyes the progress of the legislation which is to relieve them of grade crosings.

onally crosses both north and south and east and west streets is decidedly objectionable, as it is a two-fold damage to property. Again, the plan proposed for the head house, i. e., waiting rooms, offices, etc., contemplates vasting a large area of the block on which said head house is located. Massachusetts avenue is arched cated. Massachusetts avenue is arched over for 500 feet; Delaware avenue becomes virtually railroad property, as the tracks are placed in the center thereof, and sidings are apt to be strung out for its entire length on both sides. By consulting the plate, which shows a profile of the line, it will be seen that the elevation of tracks in train shed will be forty-six feet. tracks in train shed will be forty-six feet. This level is necessary in order to carry North Capitol street under with a fair grade. Therefore, the train platform level will be twenty-eight feet higher than the corner of New Jersey avenue and D street and fifteen feet higher than the corner of New Jersey avenue and C street. At once it becomes apparent that passengers will be obliged to ascend steps, in height varying between fourteen and twenty feet, to ing between fourteen and twenty feet, to

reach the level of train platform.

Following the line of what is known as the Washington branch to a point where a depressed track must eventually replace the one now in use, we find that an average grade of 0.6 per cent rise is needed to cross Florida avenue with a viaduct. Here a slight level grade occurs; then a 0.9 per cent down, to reach the depressed tracks just mentioned, so as to give 13th street extended a crossing by means of a bridge. From this point all streets are to be carried over until the District of Columbia

One Viaduct. The plan, however, which meets with the

approval of the Commissioners, and the one which they would like to see adopted, is shown in plate 2, printed herewith. This is generally known as the "one viaduct scheme." In commenting upon sents a plan for entering the city by means of one viaduct, and the placing of terminal between Delaware avenue and North Capi-

is to relieve them of grade crosings. | tol street. This plan proposes the widen-In the report of the Commissioners upon | ing of C street from 80 feet to 105 feet, the the bill, heretofore printed in The Star, reference was made to several plates accompanying the report. The Star presents herewith two cuts explaining the railroad situation.

In the report of the Commissioners upon the reference was feet to 105 feet, the entire wideling to be made on the north side thereof, and extending from Delaware avenue to New Jersey avenue. Passenger station to front on C street and North Capital Street, and train shed along Delaware avenue. Freight shed to be on North Capital Street and extend northward as Plate 1 shows the lines for elevated tracks running over two viaducts, in accordance with the provisions of Senate bill to street and extend northward as far as E street. Massachusetts avenue to be arched for 250 feet. No streets to be closed. Tracks in train shed of sufficient length to 2809. The bill, however, mentions no particular location for passenger and freight stations, and the one shown here was pathy with the tough element, who seem to control the county legal machinery.

A prominent county man said this morning to a Star reporter: "I am glad to see that one at least of the Alexandria papers has decided to come out against this Alexandria county lawlessness and join in a position which The Star has so ably sustained and aided to such a large extent."

Notes. Alexandria Council, Junior Order of American Mechanics, held their regular weekly meeting last night. Routine busi-

The Christmas german of the Alexandria

German Club will be given tonight.
D. J. Howell has gone to Charlestown,
W. Va., to spend the holidays.
The December term of the Alexandria county court will convene Monday.

DEAD ONE DAY.

Edwin Bodenheimer Awoke While Lying in a Vat of Ice Water. From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Edwin Bodenheimer is one of the very few men who have apparently died, spent a night on a cold marble slab in a morgue and then have risen from the uncomfortable and uncanny couch to tell of his exrerience. He has been in Louisville for a week and has been the occasion of much merriment and not a little wonder to his friends.

Bodenheimer is a little, thin man who suffers from indigestion and frequently has spasms. Last summer he was in Louisville with his wife, Gertie Reynolds, who danced at the Bijou Theater. After remaining here for a week, he started west, intending to go to Kansas City, where he expected to transact some business. His wife, knowing that he was in danger of being attacked by spasms at any time, and that he quickly lost consciousness when in one of the naroxysms, wrote a note something like this:
"If anything happens to me, please communicate at once with my wife at — —,
New York.

New York.

She slipped the note into her husband's pocket and he started west. He visited Chicago, and then went to St. Joseph, Mo. On his way from St. Joseph to Kansas City he was seized with a fit of coughing and then fell forward apparently dead. When the train reached Kansas City, physicians were called and examined Bodenheimer. They pronounced him dead. He was removed to the city morgue and his wife was telegraphed to according to the instructions in the note. At the morgue he was treated like any dead man would be. He was stripped and laid on a marble slab and a stream of water turned on him. He lay, amid his frightful surroundings, the whole of an afternoon and all night in a pool of water.

pool of water.

The next day he awoke. It was early in the morning and the sun had just begun to steal through the half-closed shutters, showing the attendants dimly. He shivered and sat up. He didn't have to rub his eyes. He was painfully awake in an instant.
"What am I doing here?" he asked in a
veak, frightened voice.
All the attendants looked at him.

"Great snakes!" they yelled, and then ix men fell over each other in their efforts o get through a door made for two.

Bodenheimer looked around him and saw
dozen or more white and black bodies

lying on long, white marble slabs. Startled and horrified to find himself surrounded on all sides by death, chilled to the verge of the grave by the pool of water he found himself lying in, he at once lost conscious-ness again and sank back apparently life-

But the attendants had carried their tale of ghosts and hobgoblins to the physicians at the morgue, and a hasty examination at the morgue, and a hasty examination was made. They found Bodenheimer's rulse beating. He was quickly conveyed to a hospital, where he hovered between life and death for a month. He is now enjoying his usual health.

He said yesterday: "The time between my spell of coughing on the train and the awakening the next day is a blank to me. I knew nothing of my terrifying position.

I knew nothing of my terrifying position until I awoke the next morning and found a corpse so near me that I could touch 't with my hand. If resurrection day is anything like it, I don't want to hear the resurrection trumpet."

Mr. Bodenheimer left last night for New

"PARSON JIM."

in the Little Dugout He Told the Boys Why He Came Out West. From the New York World.

It was the season of the year in Texas when the cattle are rounding up to be driven north for better grazing. The cowboys had just finished supper, and sat around their little dugout swapping lies. Gradually the conversation turned on the motives which had prompted the different members of the group to go west. They all told of the more or less discreditable causes for their migration, with the exception of a rather taciturn but generally popular fellow who was known as "Parson Jim," because of the clerical cut of the attire which he universally affected.
"Why did you come west, Parson?"

queried Swamp-angel Sam.
"Well," drawled out the individual addressed. "I left the east because I didn't build a church.' build a church."

Everybody smiled at what was considered the drollery of the parson, who, not noticing the merriment which he had created,

"It was this way. We used to hold meet ings in the district school house in Massa. chusetts and I did the preaching. The little flock grew, and it was decided to build a small church. The funds, as they were collected, were put into my hands for safe-keeping." He paused. "That's why I came

Written for The Evening Star. The Phantom Flower.

'Twas winter, and a little girl Of four short years stood gazing where The snowflakes danced in wildering whirl Their gay cotillons in the air And tested on the branches bare.

Then rang sweet childish shouts of glee, With fair face pressed against the pane, And capering feet, "O, Mamma, see! The apple blossoms come again We lost last summer in the rain!"

"Nay, dearest, those white tufts are snow, Gently the mother's voice replies; 'Would you learn where the blossoms go? Where safely sheltered softly lies The ghost of every one that dies?

"Through this great apple, ripe and nice, Watch bow the blade I quickly send To cut just wafer-wide a rlice Across the core—you comprehe Betwixt the stem and blossom-end!

"Now to the light hold up the fine Red-veined, translucent, filmy round! Look in the midst! Ah, daughter mine, What wondrous treasure have you found? The blossom you deemed underground!" -BESSIE B. CROFFUT.

Responsibility for Selling Liquor. 'tom the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

After litigation extending over a period of five years, the widow of Andrew Bell, who was drowned in Fox river at Yorkville. III., in 1891, while in an alleged state of intoxication, has finally succeeded in securing judgment as a result of a damage suit which she brought against Jacob Helmuth, the saloon keeper who sold her husband the liquor. Mrs. Bell received a verdict of \$6,000 in the court of Kendall county against Helmuth, who in the meantime had disposed of his business and left his bondsmen in the lurch. Proceedings were then instituted against the bondsmen, when Frederick Shoemaker, the only one owning property, transferred everything to his wife to avoid execution. Mrs. Bell's attorneys thereupon sued to set aside the transfer, as illegal, and this case was as fiercely contested as the first one, going to both the appellate and supreme courts. The points made by Mr. Herrington, attorney for Mrs. Bell, were finally affirmed by the courts, and the farm owned by Shoemaker has been advertised for sale to satisfy the judgment. The latter has agreed to settle the case, however, by paying over \$3,000, the amount of his bond. The case is a notorious one, and was defended by the State Liquor Association with their best attorneys. liquor. Mrs. Bell received a verdict of \$6,-

A Good Thing for the New Year. The beginning of the year is a good time

ANACOSTIA.

The vsual Christmas eve entertainment given last night to the patients of St. Eliza-beth's Asylum in the opera house of the big in-attution. An immense cedar tree was erected on the stage of the audience room, and when the awning, which hid it from public view until the proper moment to see it arrived, was removed it was found to be loaded, among other things, with hundreds of useful articles of wearing apparel, the reception of which reemed in nearly every in-

reception of which reemed in nearly every instance to give a vast amount of pleasure to the
person for whom it was intended.

It is not, perhaps, saying too much to remark
that its appearance was totally unlike any other
Christmas tree in the District, for among the decorations which it contained were boots, shoes,
mtiffers, gloves, mitts, suspenders, overcoats, knitjackets and almost every conceivable article that
the ingenuity of more fortunate friends or relatives could suggest to please the beneficiaries.
The absence of candy as trimmings for the tree
was quite noticeable, but each patient will be
remembered today by a present of this kind from
Superintendent Godfing or some other interested
person.

712. United Order of the Golden Cross of Washington.

Mrs. Fentress, formerly of Washington, who recently removed to Avalon Terrace, Anacostia, is arranging for the presentation at the Masonic Hall of an opera, in which she will, it is understood, he assisted by the Marine Band. The event will, it is expected, take place some time in January.

Mr. Rezin Forrest, who has been in New York since last May on business, has returned to his home, on the Bowen road, where he expects to rank in for some time.

The children of the German Orphan Asylum, on Harrison street extended, will have their usual Christmas entertainment during the present holidays.

Christmas entertainment during the present holi-days.

Mr. George Holmes of Landover, who has been seriously ill for some time, is believed to be con-valescent.

A number of the residents of Oxon Hill have de-termined to form a Good Templar ledge, and a meeting for the purpose of organization will be held in a few eventings.

Mr. Frank Mayberry, who recently resigned the postmastership at Ardwick, has removed to Ana-custla. Mr. Mayberry was succeeded in office by Mr. George W. Brown.

The Sunday school of Mount Oak will have their day school of Mount Oak will have their ainual celebration next week, when a cantata, entitled "The Crowniag of the New Year," will be

entitled "The Crowning of the New Year, will be rendered. Charles Murphy, the driver on the Anacostia car line who was assaulted by two men, who boarded his car late Tuesday night while pussing along G street southeast, in the city, is rapidly recovering. He has not as yet teen able to furnish any clue as to the identity of his assailants.

RROOKLAND

The Christmas exercises of the second, third fourth and fifth grades at the Woodburn School the combined charges of Miss Minnie Compton an Mr. Webster, were exceptionally good. They opened with Bible reading by Dallas Martin and a praye by the school, after which followed songs by the schools and recitations by the pupils, which thoroughly enjoyed. Among those who took par were Edna Russel, Bertha King, Nellie Powell Stanley Rumbough, Andrew Hammond, Colema

Stanley Rumbough, Andrew Hammond, Coleman Cockerelle, Bell Murphy, Mary Donally, Wright Rumbough, Wallace Lamond, Mildred Langley, Mary Hancock, Jennie Morten, Mary Burk, Emma Jenkins and Gertrade Brown. At the conclusion of this program candy and toys were distributed by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, impersonated by Amy Langley and Louis Anderson.

The Woodbury School now has the piano for which is has been striving for some time, and it was used for the first time at the Christmas erercises. The numbers which deserve special mention in Miss H. E. King's room were the vocal solo, "The Three Wishes," by Leo Russell, and "Annie and Wille's Prayer," a recitation, by Nellie King.

Mr. John Carr. a student of Georgetown College, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Thos. Crook.

The M. S. C. Club of Chillium will give a dance the waiting circle. He was already in pos-The M. S. C. Club of Chillum will give a danc at the Brookland Hall next week.

KENSINGTON.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore have been called to Baltimore by the death of Mrs. Moore's grand-mother. They will probably be absent till early in the new year.

A cordial invitation is extended to the people o Kensington and vicinity to witness the annual Christmas entertainment of the St. Paul's M. E. Sunday school, which will be held in the town hall tomorrow evening at 7:30. Candies for the little scholars and books for the older ones have been provided. Several instrumental and vocal sold have been provided for, while the main feature of

have been provided for, while the main feature of the evening will be Murray's stereopticon views of the Holy Land and scenes in the life of Christ.

Miss Annie Warner is at home for the holidays. Miss Margie Hart is quite sick with tonsilitis. For an hour and a half last Saturday evening Ret. Robert Nourse amused and interested the audience gathered in the town hall to hear his celebrated lecture, "John and Jonathan." The lecturer would change in an instant from a mirth-provoking anecdote to a story which brought tears to the eyes of the listeners, then as quickly back again, now showing the languable ignorance of John concerning Jonathan, now enjoining the peace and mutual reverence which should exist between the two. Dr. Nourse's discourse was bright, pithy and, above all, impartial, and it well merited the hearty applause given by an appreciative audience.

HYATTSVILLE.

A very interesting meeting of the Tuesday Club was held on the evening of the 221 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson H. Ralston. Mr. McDevitt read an essay on Lord Bacon, dwelling at length read an essay on Lord Bacon, dwelling at length upon his moral terpitude and literary greatness. Mrs. H. W. Gore read an essay on Sir Walter Raleigh, and was followed by Miss Rathborne, who gave a selection from Raleigh's works. "The Lie," one of Raleigh's poems, was recited by Mr. A. H. Holden. A committee consisting of Miss Fuller and Misses Nellie and Lottic Fenwick was approximated to recognifications. pointed to arrange the pregram for the next meet-ing, which will take place at the home of Mr. and

pointed to arrange the pregram for the next mecting, which will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whiting. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. W. Gore, Mrs. Tricou, Misses Rathborne, Bankhages, Fuller, Nellie and Lottie Funvick, Cartwright, Tricou and Messrs. Burnside, McPevitt and Earie. Hall Cain's "Bondsman" will be the subject of the first meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Marsh are the guests of Mr. Fenvick.

Mr. W. A. Fenwick of Baltimore is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mr. J. Carroll Edwards has gone to his home in St. Mary's county for the holidays.

Miss Florence Carr and Miss Fanny Mudd have gone to Baltimore for a few days.

At a regular meeting of the county commissioners it was ordered that the account of Richard W. Heriford, assessor-at-large for the third district, amounting to \$164, be passed and levied in Marca. 1807; that the account of Dr. Benjamin L. Bird, aroamting to \$50, for services as health officer and for post-mortem examination be passed; that the account of John G. Townshend, constable for Nortlegham district, for \$78.80 be passed and levied in March. 1897; that the following bridge and road accounts be passed: B. M. Hardisty, seventh district, road account, \$77. R. H. Curtain, ninth district, road account, \$77. R. H. Curta

## SUBURBAN NEWS SHAKERS AND DOCTORS TALK TOGETHER.

In his able work, entitled "Longevity," published a few years ago, Dr. John Gardner of England predicts that a vegetable agent will yet be found that shall so retard those changes that bring about old age as to prolong human life much beyond its present limit.

this thought, many eminent physicians have called from time to time upon the Shakers of Mt. Lebanon to inquire of them concerning the secrets of medicinal plants, in which these sincere, simpleminded and God-fearing people are known to wise and skillful beyond all other men.

The Shakers willingly told what they had learned and in return received from their visitors much valuable information about disease, which they at once made practical use of. The most important point was that if a genuine and certain remedy

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Vital News Finshed on a Banner to a From the New York World.

An elderly couple, who couldn't have looked any happier if they had owned the Fifth Avenue Hotel Madison Square Garden Dr. Parkhurst's church, the Aquarium and a few other things, went down to the American line pier to meet the Paris yesterday. They were followed by a proces-

Under his arm the man carried a roll of cloth. The man laughed, then the woman laughed, and then man, woman and children all laughed together. The old man had something up his sleeve; some joke, or some demonstration was about to be sprung, that was evident.

When the Paris pushed her nose in sight and turned deliberately toward the slip the

grandparents and grandchildren became rervous with excitement.
The Paris dropped down a little nearer. The senior member of the group could wait no longer. He unrolled a fiery red banner three feet long and two feet and held it between his outstretched hands

cant words in bold letters: "IT'S A BOY." A rosy-cheeked man, who looked as though his sea trip had thoroughly agreed with him, standing on the main deck for-ward, caught sight of the banner and the group that rallied 'round it. He jumped into the air and waved his glossy hat When the gang-plank was placed in po-sition the voyager rushed into the arms of

America. SEALSKINS ARE CHEAPER.

The Bering Sea Commission Soon to

From the San Francisco Chronicle. The sleek and costly sealskin seems to be somewhat out of fashion. The tale of a falling demand in the product of Bering sea and the Pacific has just been told by the yearly sale at Lampson's, London. Telegrams have been received in this city stating that the price for the Alaskan fur was 16 per cent less than that of last year; that of Copper Island (Russia) furs 17½ per cent, and that of coast furs, including Call-fornia and Japan, 20 per cent lower than in 1895.

This news comes as a surprise to local tradesmen, for the catch of this year was much lower than that of 1895. The entire catch of the Canadian sealers in Japan waters and Bering sea amounted to 55,677 seals. In 1895 the catch of the Canadians amounted to 74,124, and in 1894 to 97,474 skins. The catch of the American pelagic skins. The catch of the American pelagic sealers entered at this port amounted to only 5,040 seals, as against about 15,000 in 1865. To the former number 30,067 skins are added as the catch of the North Amer-ican Commercial Company on the seal

Very few sealing vessels will be sent from this port this year, while from Vanfrom this port this year, while from Vancouver from sixty to seventy schooners will
clear for Japan and the Bering sea. Among
pioneers of the sealing business at this port
few have anything to show for their years
of toil and danger. It is expected that
there will be some interesting developments
while the Bering sea\_commission is in session in this city. The commission is expected here within a few days. It is composed of Justice King for Canada and
Judge Putnam for the United States, and
there will be guite a retinue of assistthere will be quite a retinue of assistants. Don M. Dickinson is counsel for the American government, while Sir Charles H. Tupper is acting for the Canadians.

The investigation of the commissioners here, it is expected, will extend back to the earliest days of sealing from this port. The Mary Ellen, which was the first British schooner to fit out at this port, first came

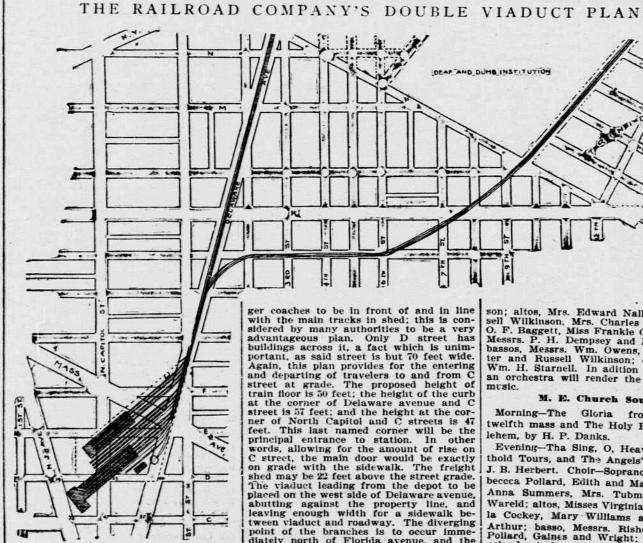
here in 1882. Notwithstanding the decline in prices of Notwithstanding the decline in prices of sealskins, British vessels are coming down the coast to hunt in California waters be-fere proceeding to Japan, and three schoon-ers are now on the way. Only two Ameri-can sealers have sailed thus far from San Francisco.

Western Generosity.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

The cold flag is up again and we are promised a genuine blizzard from the west. We are glad to state that the most cordial relations exist between that section and the south. When the west has anything out of the ordinary, she is always willing to divide with us. Many of our adopted citizens have had free transportation south on western cyclones.

Belon B. Jones, postmaster at Cortland N. Y., an'l formerly associated with Secre-tary Lamont in the publication of the Cort-land Democrat, is dead, at the age of fifty-six years.



compiled and drawn from a photograph of a model for the proposed terminal, made by the railroad company. It will be noticed at a glance that the above plan gives great length of tracks, in fact, more than is required for tracks which are in constant use. The length of the tracks entering the freight shed is 1,000 feet, and eight tracks are shown. This gives in all 8,000 feet of track, of which about 5,000 feet are avail-Paris are true. A rich English girl who had married a French nobleman was showing a friend through her magnificent hotel, and called her attention to the beautiful chandelier in the drawing room. The friend did not show much enthusiasm, and the bride said:

"Well, you don't seem to say much about my \$20,000 chandelier?"

"Twenty thousand?" said the friend, with a polite laugh. "Isn't that pilling it up rather high? That very chandelier was offered to me for \$11,500."

The bride went to the shop and indignant by remonstrated at helicy cheesed.

Engineer Pelz's Report. Continuing his report Engineer Pelz says: These are minor considerations, however, as compared with the peculiar location of The same bride received a handsompeari necklace from her husband as a birthday present, and, although she knew she would have to pay for it, as the allowance she made him was not sufficient to pay for such an expensive present, she was pleased at the attention. The bill came, and it was for \$8,000. She remonstrated with the jeweler, saying that it was too much for two strings of pearls.

The main or passenger shed would hardly sold it to your sold it to your sold it to your the level of rail, and the rail must be at least twenty feet from the street grade. tained five strings when we sold it to your husband."

She paid the bill and went home to her two strings.

Word comes from all quarters that the neatest and most satisfactory due for coloring the heard a brown or black is Buckingham's Due for the Whiskers.

the level of fall, and the fall must be at least twenty feet from the street grade. In other words, a structure eighty feet in height would be built across the entire width of one of the principal thoroughfares of the city. This plan, moreover, contemplates the closing of D street from New Jersey avenue to Delaware avenue, and the closing of E street from North Capitol

ger coaches to be in front of and in line with the main tracks in shed; this is con-sidered by many authorities to be a very advantageous plan. Only D street has buildings across it, a fact which is unimportant, as said street is but 70 feet wide. Again, this plan provides for the entering and departing of travelers to and from C street at grade. The proposed height of train floor is 50 feet; the height of the curb at the corner of Delaware avenue and C street is 57 feet; and the height at the cor-ner of North Capitol and C streets is 47 feet. This last named corner will be the principal entrance to station. In other words, allowing for the amount of rise on C street, the main door would be exactly on grade with the sidewalk. The freight shed may be 22 feet above the street grade. sned may be 22 feet above the street grade. The viaduct leading from the depot to be placed on the west side of Delaware avenue, abutting against the property line, and leaving enough width for a sidewalk between viaduct and roadway. The diverging point of the branches is to occur immediately north of Florida avenue, and the Washington or Baltimore branch is to fol-Washington or Baltimore branch is to follow in the center line of P street extended until the present line is reached. The Met-ropolitan branch is to follow the projection of the tracks on Delaware avenue to inter-sect with present line. A connecting 'Y' is to be placed between the two lines, and ocated on an elevated structure, as shown

in this plate.

"Another plate not printed here shows a profile of this line. The 8 per cent grade necessitates the lowering of L street about four feet, M street about three feet, and Florida avenue about two feet. N street is not graded at its intersection. The number not graded at its intersection. The number of houses along the west side of Delaware avenue is limited and are almost entirely avenue is limited and are almost entirely frame structures. The advantage of having the viaduct on one side of the avenue is that all sidings will be upon one side only, and they will not mar the appearance of the street. The extension of Delaware avenue or what is now Brentwood road is crossed by the viaduct, and from here the grade will descend by a 5 per cent grade, cutting through a hill a distance of 4,000 feet, the same to be left either as an open cut or flat-roofed tunnel.

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"From there the old line is reached by an easy curve, and the depressed system is followed, as mentioned in discussion of plate 2. The stars on plates 1 and 2 show the common point of the routes of the two plans. The distance from terminal to common point by plate 1 is 10,000 feet; from terminal to common point by plate 2, 10,800 feet. This latter amount provides for both branches to the city limits, whereas the former plan entails the additional viaduct along Delaware avenue, amounting to 3,150 feet; or, in other words, plate 1 will involve 13,150 feet of line as compared with 10,800 feet, as shown by plate 2.

"To compare the lengths of viaducts; in Washington, of the two plans we will commence at a point just clear of both terminals, for instance, the center of G street. Plate 1:

son; altos, Mrs. Edward Nalls, Mrs. Russell Wilkinson, Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. O. F. Baggett, Miss Frankie Chase; tenors, Messrs. P. H. Dempsey and D. M. Steers; bassos, Messrs. Wm. Owens, Henry Hunter and Bussell Wilkinson. ter and Russell Wilkinson; organist, Mr. Wm. H. Starnell. In adition to the organ an orchestra will render the instrumenta M. E. Church South.

Morning-The Gloria from Mozart's welfth mass and The Holy Babe of Bethehem, by H. P. Danks. Evening-Tha Sing, O, Heavens, by Ber

thold Tours, and The Angels' Message, by J. B. Herbert. Choir-Sopranos, Misses Rebeccca Pollard, Edith and Madge Graham, Anna Summers, Mrs. Tubman and Mrs. Wareld; altos, Misses Virginia Driscoll, Lula Cockey, Mary Williams and Mrs. Mc Arthur; basso, Messrs. Risheill, Goodson, Pollard, Gaines and Wright; tenors, Netherland, Anderson and Powell; director, Henry K. Field; organist, Miss Alice E.

A Quiet Day.

The day generally has been a quiet one and but little disorder has been noticed. The small boy, with his tin horn and pop crackers, has been very much in evidence, but as Christmas comes but once a year it is very cheerful to hear so much noise and

Third Regiment Drum Corps. There was a called meeting of the Third Regiment Drum Corps in their rooms last night, at which important business was transacted. At an early hour this morning the corps paraded the streets playing martial music to awake the late sleepers.

Sunday School Celebrations. The Sunday schools of St. Paul's and Christ Churches had their Christmas celebrations late yesterday afternoon. Both were largely attended, and the Christmas carols were extremely pretty. The scholars were treated to nuts, raisins, candy, &c. The children of Grace Church Sunday school will have their celebration Monday night next. The Second Presbyterian, the Baptist, the Southern Methodist and the Methodist Protestant will celebrate on Tuesday evening and Trinity and the Lee Street Chapel on Wednesday evening next.

The City's Conneil. The inmates of the city jail were not forgotten by the jaller, Capt. "Billy" Smith, today. A spiendid dinner, consisting of turkey, with cranberry sauce, chloken, ham, celery, bread, butter, coffee, nuts, raisins and candy, was served up, and "topped off" with a fine cigar.

Criticising Attorney Johnson. The Alexandria Times, which has recent y come out in favor of wiping the gambling, lawlessness and other filth from Alexandria county, came out in another strong editorial last night, in which it severely criticises Dick Johnson, common-wealth's attorney, for his seeming sym-for a dollar.

to start a year's subscription to the Satur-day Star for some out-of-town friend. The Saturday Star for 1897 will be sent to any out-of-town address in the United States